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EASLEY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUINCY PREVENTION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed two new members to the North Carolina Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The new members are **Dennis M. Martin** of Asheville and **Judge Russell G. Sherrill, III** of Raleigh.

Martin has been the assistant district attorney in Buncombe County since 1998. From 1997-1998 he was a domestic abuse investigator for Buncombe County. Martin received his bachelor's degree from Mars Hill College in 1994, and he received his law degree from Campbell University in 1997.

Sherrill is currently serving as an emergency district court judge, a certified superior court mediator and a certified juvenile court judge. He is a member of the Chief Justice's Custody Mediation Committee and the North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee. Sherrill received his bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University in 1967 and his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1971.

The North Carolina State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention develops a plan for the distribution of funds with the help of state and community level juvenile justice councils. It reviews operation and prioritizes funding needs. The council makes recommendations to the General Assemble concerning juvenile matters across the state. It is responsible for all agencies serving juveniles in North Carolina. The council has 23 members, and the Governor appoints six members. Each member serves a two-year term.

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